

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On the evening of June 9, 1972, a "typical" severe thunderstorm in the Black Hills of South Dakota turned into the worst disaster in this state's history; and,

WHEREAS, Up to fourteen inches of rain was responsible for the loss of 238 lives, the destruction of over 1,100 homes, and the demolition of millions of dollars worth of property throughout the Black Hills area; and,

WHEREAS, The devastation was so severe in the four counties of Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, and Custer, that at four p.m. on June 10, 1972, President Richard Nixon declared those counties a disaster area; and,

WHEREAS, Despite the horror and chaos of June 9, these flood-ravaged South Dakotans were not beaten, for they began to rebuild within 24 hours of the disaster; and,

WHEREAS, With relative calm, emergency volunteers and other unsung heroes were responsible for rescuing at least one thousand people and for preparing shelters for the thousands of others who were homeless; and,

WHEREAS, Although ten years have passed since that terrible night, and although most wounds have been healed, the people of Rapid City have not forgotten their loss and have dedicated a memorial in honor of the unfortunate flood victims;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 9, 1972, as

BLACK HILLS FLOOD MEMORIAL DAY

in South Dakota, and suggest that all flags be flown at half mast in honor of the 238 fellow citizens who lost their lives in the Black Hills Flood of 1972.



ATTEST:

Alice Kumbert
ALICE KUMBERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this fifth day of May, in the Year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and eighty-two

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA - BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATION - OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY
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